GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF COAL TO TEA GARDENS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Ltd. has stopped supply of coal to tea gardens in the country especially located in Assam;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the discontinuation of the supply of coal has affected the production in tea gardens;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL(DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b): Coal India Limited has informed that the supplies of coal to some of the tea gardens has been discontinued due to the following reasons:-

(i) non-drawal of coal by the units continuously for a period of more than 12 months, and
(ii) due to non- submission of requisite documents, requisitioned by the coal companies for verification of their status.

(c) to (e): The Consultative Committee of Plantation Associations (CCPA) have been informed to advise their member tea gardens to source their requirement of coal by participating in the e-auction. In fact quite a few of them have done so during last e-auction at North Eastern Coalfields (NEC) held on 5.4.2005.